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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SPECIAL
SESSION (SSOD) PREPCOM

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1. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED
DELEGATIONS REGARDING THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). THE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT IS BASED
ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH YUGOSLAV MISOFF VUKOVIC AND
CONSULTATNT IN THE UN DISARMAMENT CENTER ALFARARGI (FORMERLY
COUNSELLOR AT THE EGYPTIAN MISSION) AS WELL AS OUR OWN
ASSESSMENT.

2. SSOD DOCUMENTS

THE GROUP OF 10, THE NON-ALIGNED CONTACT GROUP ON DISARMAMENT,
IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 3 TO DISCUSS:

(A) THEIR DRAFT DECLARATION ON DISARMEMENT, MERGING THE
YUGOSLAV AND EGYPTIAN TEXTS AND (B) AN INITIAL YUGOSLAV DRAFT
ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. THERE APPEARS TO BE A FAIR MEASURE
OF AGREEMENT WITHIN THE GROUP (NOT NECESSARILY APPROVED
BY CAPITALS) ON THEIR DRAFT DECLARATION, BUT SUBSTAN-
TIAL DIFFERENCES ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. MEXICO WANTS
THE LATTER FOCUSED AND LIMITED TO A THREE-YEAR PERIOD WHILE
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YUGOSLAVIA WANTS A LONGER TERM COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. THE
YUGOSLAWS SEE LITTLE VALUE IN A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM, DOUBTING
THAT MUCH CAN BE TARGETTED OR ACCOMPLISHED IN SO SHORT A
PERIOD OF TIME. AT PRESENT, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE SUPPORT
FOR THE MEXICAN POSITION. THE NON-ALIGNED CONCERN IS TO
ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, OF WHATEVER DURATION,
OUTLINES (A) PRIORITIES AND (B) STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION

FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE COD

AT THIS STAGE THE NON-ALIGNED OBJECTIVE IS TO SEEK MODIFICATIONS OF CCD STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL STATES, AND FACILITATE FRENCH AND EVENTUALLY CHINESE PARTICIPATION. THEIR PRIORITIES IN THIS REGARD ARE (A) ABOLITION OF THE US/USSR CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND (B) NEW PROCEDURES ALLOWING NON-MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT AT AND MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO CCD WORKIN GROUPS. ON THE FORMER, THE NON-ALIGNED SEEM DETERMINED TO FORCE THIS THROUGH THE SSOD IF WE AND THE SOVIETS DO NOT ACQUIESCE VOLUNTARILY. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH THERE IS TALK OF ROTATING THE CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG ALL DELEGATIONS. ON THE LATTER, THE NON-ALINGED ARE THINKING OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR INTERESTED STATES RATHER THAN ENLARGEMENT OR ROTATION OF CCD MEMBERSHIP.

4. THE FIRST COMMITTEE

THE NON-ALIGNED SEEM TO FAVOR A FIRST COMMITTEE AGENDA DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES. OTHER ITEMS NOW OR PREVIOUSLY HANDLED IN THAT COMMITTEE, SUCH AS OUTER SPACE AND KOREA, WOULD GO THE THE SPC. AT LEAST COSMETICALLY THIS WOULD PERMIT DEEPTER AND FULLER DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN NEW YORK. WE DOUBT THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH ANALYSIS OF HOW TO MAKE THE DISARMAMENT DEBATES SUBSTANTIVELY MORE MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

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5. THE UN CENTER FOR DISARMAMENT

WHILE THE NON-ALIGNED APPARENTLY HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE CENTER, THEY MAY ASK THE SSOD TO MAKE IT AN AUTONOMOUS UNIT REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE SYG RATHER THAN A COMPONENT OF THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (PRESENTLY CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIETS). THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WOULD BE STRONGLY RESISTED BY THE SOVIETS AND WOULD LIKE OUR TACIT IF NOT OVERT SUPPORT.

6. FOLLOW-ON TO THE SSOD

THE NON-ALINGED HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY, BUT THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO THE IDEA OF A DISARMAMENT COUNCIL AS WELL AS TO MEXICAN CCD REP GARCIA ROBLES' PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND SPECIAL SESSION IN 1981. WE FIND LITTLE SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET VIEW THAT THE SSOD IS MERELY A PREPARATORY PHASE FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

7. IN SUM, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE NON-ALIGNED ARE OPEN TO A DIALOGUE WITH US ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT MACHINERY, INCLUDING THE CCD ITSELF AND ITS FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNGA. THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, REMAINS TO USE THE SSOD AS A

POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT TO PRESSURE THE SOVIETS AND OURSELVES
TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.
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